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1. The aniline oil previously reported on 1/ was imported from Austria. It is not known whether this oil is produced in Austria, but it is believed that an Austrian concern imports the oil from another country and exports it to East Germany.
2. The 1954 import plan for East Germany includes 2,100 metric tons of aniline oil, of which approximately 2,000 metric tons are scheduled to go to Farbenfabrik Wolfen. The import plan does not indicate the name of the firm or of the country from which the oil is to be imported.
3. Farbenfabrik Wolfen uses aniline oil in the production of phenyl-beta-naphthylamine, which is used as a catalyst in the buna process at Schkopau. The Schkopau plant claims that [REDACTED] catalyst [REDACTED] the polymerization time in the buna process [REDACTED] six times [REDACTED].
4. No information is available on other raw materials used in producing the catalyst. Other components are probably not imported but come from East [REDACTED]

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